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SUBJECT: KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE (KNP) PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. THIS MORNING'S NEWSPAPERS REPORTED KNP DIRECTOR PARK HYON-SIK, AND SEOUL METROPOLITAN POLICE BUREAU (SMPB) DIRECTOR LEE CHONG-HAK, HAVE RESIGNED THEIR POSITIONS.

2. NEW DIRECTOR OF KNP IS CHANG IL-HUN, 48 YEARS OLD. HE IS A GRADUATE OF SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE. CHANG RETIRED AS A LT. COLONEL IN 1961 AND IN 1962 WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF GENERAL AFFAIRS, KYONGGIDO POLICE BUREAU, AND LATTER CHIEF OF CHUNGBU POLICE STATION SEOUL. IN 1966 HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MARITIME POLICE. HE HAS ALSO BEEN CHIEF OF CHEJUDO, CHUNBUK-DO, CHONNAM-DO AND PUSAN POLICE BUREAUS, AND IN CHARGE OF THE INFORMATION SECTION AND INVESTIGATION GUIDANCE SECTION, HEADQUARTERS, KNP. IN 1974 HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE MARITIME POLICE.

3. SON TAL-YONG HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE
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SMPB. HE IS 43 YEARS OLD AND A GRADUATE OF THE LAW

COLLEGE, CHOSUN UNIVERSITY, CHONNAM-DO, ROK. IN 1963 HE RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE AS A MAJOR AND APPOINTED AS CHIEF, SECURITY SECTION, CHONNAM-DO POLICE BUREAU. IN 1968 HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF MARITIME POLICE. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED AS CHIEF, DEFENSE SECTION CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE SECTION, KNP, CHIEF, KANG WON-DO POLICE BUREAU AND CHIEF CONNAM-DO POLICE BUREAU.

4. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED SUPERINTENDENT PARK YONG-KYU, CHIEF, NAMBU POLICE STATION, SMPB, WAS REASSIGNED TO KNP HEADQUARTERS. PARK IS A GRADUATE OF THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY.

5. A KNP OFFICER ADVISED THE RSO THAT PARK HYON-SIK AND LEE CHONG-HAK WERE "FIRED" DUE TO THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) WHICH OCCURRED ON MAY 22, 1975, THE SOURCE CONTINUED THAT PARK YONG-KYU WAS RELIEVED FROM HIS COMMAND AS CHIEF NAMBU POLICE STATION, SMPB, SINCE SNU IS IN HIS JURISDICTION. SOURCE ADDED THAT PARK IS UNASSIGNED IN HEAD-QUARTERS AND IS ON A "STANDBY" STATUS. HE ADVISED THAT PARK MUST FIND AN ASSIGNMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR HE IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN.

6. SOURCE STATED THAT THE ORDERS FOR THE ABOVE ACTIONS CAME DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT PARK AS HE PLACED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEMONSTRATION DIRECTLY ON THE KNP FOR THEIR FAILURE TO SUPPRESS IT. HE CONCLUDED THE POLICE WILL TAKE "STIFFER" ACTIONS IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPRESS THESE DEMONSTRATIONS.

7. ABOVE SOURCE HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION.
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